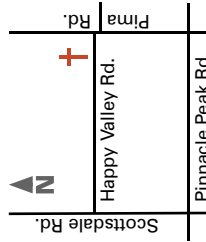


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PREPARE TO GET WET AT VBS

Hang on to your life preserver! The VBS crew at PPC is getting ready to Take the Plunge and Make a Splash with Jesus! As kids move from one whirlwind activity to the next, they will be soaking up lessons that will last for a lifetime.

Stop by from June 11-15 from 9 a.m. until noon and visit our Beach Boardwalk in Fellowship Hall, splash with the kids on the Oceans of Motion green, take in a story in the Bibleland Bay sanctuary or sing at the Raise the Reef Praises rehearsal hall.

On Sunday, June 10, we will dedicate VBS volunteers and on Sunday, June 17, the children will share some of the music they learned during the week in our worship service.



ANDRE HOUSE NEEDS YOU

Because many leave the valley to escape the hot weather, it's difficult for Andre House to find volunteers to serve evening meals to the homeless during the summer. The mission committee encourages you to consider volunteering.

Pinnacle Presbyterian has committed to supply volunteers on the following dates this summer: June 12, 14 and 24, July 10, 12 and 23 and Aug. 9, 14 and 26. If you are able to volunteer on one or more of these dates, please call Lila Kleinkopf, 480.893.3646.

YOUTH EVENT

BARBECUE FOR KRISTIN The Youth Group will be hosting a poolside barbecue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 13 to welcome Kristin Willett, our new Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families, to Pinnacle. Save the date; more details will be mailed in early July.

Summer is transition time! For many years my wife, Meredyth, has quietly edited and made certain that *Vistas* articles have been presented in the best way in each issue. Some time ago, she suggested that *Vistas* needed a new editor. Recently, I asked Billy Lampkin to take this responsibility. Welcome, Billy!

He also is responsible for the church's Web site, one of the best among churches that I've seen! (See a separate item in this issue on how to submit your *Vistas* articles.) As the Web master and *Vistas* editor he is clearly a new communications person at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church.



Kristin Willett

Welcome also to Mrs. Kristin Willett who begins as Associate Minister for Youth and Their Families around the first part of July. Kristin, and husband, Brandon, will have graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary the end of May, and completed a trip to Scotland before moving to north Scottsdale in June. Our hats are off to Molly Rosenbaum who has provided excellent youth leadership during the interim period of time!

And, welcome to Carol Skewes, new Administrative Assistant in the church office. Carol comes to us from a leadership position in a Presbyterian Church in Fresno, CA. Privately, she had her own Residential Appraisal Business. She and her husband recently moved to Fountain Hills. Toby Spessard, Business Manager, is "retiring" to a couple of days a week and the Personnel/Administration Committee of the Session selected Lea Collins to become the new Business Administrator. Congratulations to Lea on this new responsibility.



Carol Skewes

I hope you will give each of these persons a warm word of welcome and support.

Sincerely,
Larry

VISTAS CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

To make it easy for you to let others know what's going on with your group or organization, there are two ways to submit articles to *Vistas*.

Send in your contribution through a form at the church Web site, www.pinnaclepres.org/vistas/contribute.html, or e-mail your article to "Pinnacle.Vistas" at gmail.com.



"HE SAYS IT ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO ADD A 15 PERCENT GRATUITY TO THEIR OFFERINGS."

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

ORDINARY GREEN The green color scheme in this issue of *Pinnacle Vistas* is the color used to represent "Ordinary Time" of the liturgical calendar.

Ordinary Time is the period from Jan. 8 through Fat Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) and the Monday after Pentecost through Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent (with a few exceptions for specific days).

Other periods have specific colors associated with them. To learn more, visit www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship/worship/faq-basic.htm #1

OUR OWN HEROES: AWARD FOR FAITH IN ACTION

The wonderful service of volunteers, including PPC volunteers, has been recognized and lifted up in an extraordinary way. Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon presented Beatitudes Center DOAR, our partner in service, with the "Community Service Hero Award."

The City of Phoenix provides Community Development Block Grant funds for the VICaP Faith in Action program.

The award recognizes the program and its volunteers' compassionate service to homebound/disabled adults in providing transportation to medical and social service appointments, and grocery shopping services.

Congratulations to everyone who served in this community of care through volunteering, prayers and financial support.

Volunteers recently were honored at Beatitudes Center DOAR's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to celebrate the happiness they have brought into the lives of those they served.

If you want to join this family of caregivers, come to a VICaP Faith in Action volunteer orientation. Call 602.285.0543, or go to www.centerdoar.org to learn about the services you can provide to a neighbor in need.

You will find your days immeasurably blessed.



SUMMER BRINGS TIME CHANGES

Through the summer, Pinnacle will be holding a single worship service each Sunday morning. Worship begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

It also means a new time for the Sunday morning scripture study.

Lectio Divina moves to 9 a.m. for the summer. It is an opportunity to look at the Scripture the sermon is based on for that day.

The format is an informal series of questions, which are responded to after listening to scripture reading several times. The study follows the format of an ancient Bible Study called Lectio Divina which means, "prayerful listening." No Bible Study experience is needed.



VISTA DEL CAMINO FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you for your generous contributions this winter. Collections for food bank donations will be taken on Sundays, June 24 and July 29. Please bring your non-perishable foods, paper products and/or personal care items and place them in the red wagons in the Sanctuary.

REMEMBER PLEDGES THIS SUMMER

The summer heat is here and with it thoughts of cooler places to stay or visit. While activities at Pinnacle do slow down over the summer, they do not stop. The work of the church continues. Equally as important, expenses continue. Please remember to keep your pledge contribution up to date. Even if you are away, please put your pledge contribution in the mail. Thank you.

COME JOIN US

NEW CONNECTION CLASS We invite you to make the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church congregation your place of worship; a place where you will find hope, love, support and a deepening of your spiritual life. The New Connection Class for new members will be held at 11:10 a.m. Sunday, June 3, in the Chapel Conference Room. Because of summer, the next New Connection Class will be held Sept. 30.



Just a few short months ago, the Molinas joined in on the ground breaking for their new Habitat home. The home should be completed by June 16.

HABITAT HOME NEARS COMPLETION

As of mid-May, interior walls had been constructed and windows installed in the Molina home thanks to efforts of volunteers from Pinnacle and other churches in the Presbyterian Coalition. The home should be completed on schedule, by June 16.

Over 60 of our fellow members will have volunteered more than 450 hours of labor during the construction period for this Habitat for Humanity house.

Thanks to all who have helped, and a special thanks to Jan & Paul Premo, Mary & Bob Westoby, Amy Dahlby and Dianne Drake for providing delicious lunches to our tired and hungry workers. What a team!

We have two more work days scheduled for the Pinnacle team: June 2 (painting) and June 16 (install closet doors and other finish carpentry). If you are interested in working on either date, contact Doug Brown at 480.515.1361 or TCB51@cox.net, or Roy Gust at gustben@msn.com.



The Johnson Family's house was severely damaged during Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers hope to have it ready for them to move into for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS LOOKS BRIGHTER FOR NEW ORLEANS' JOHNSON FAMILY

On behalf of the Johnson Family in New Orleans and the Pinnacle Presbyterian Mission Committee, a big "thank you" to the more than 160 families and individuals who made a gift to the Home for Christmas project. As of this writing, a total of \$22,715 has been contributed toward rehabilitating the Johnson home.

One of the coordinators of the project in New Orleans recently reported that "the Johnsons have done and are doing the absolute best they can with the resources they have. This is a beautiful, loving and gracious family who have been uplifted by your church's support and encouragement."

Pinnacle will be sending a mission team to New Orleans to help finish the Johnson home the week of Nov. 26. The team will fly to New Orleans and stay in the converted manse of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in the Garden District. If you are interested in this rewarding work, there may still be an opportunity to join us. Please contact Rev. Mac Schafer at the church or e-mail Roy Gust at gustben@msn.com.

ON THE WEB



Don't forget to visit us online for the latest information about Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. You'll find calendars, activities listings and photos of events.

You also can listen to recent sermons online, or download them to take with you on your iPod or other mp3 player.

Also, you can download PDF versions of this and previous issues of Pinnacle Vistas. Print them or e-mail them to share with your friends and family.

Go to pinnaclepres.org.

ANNUAL CLUB WED! AWARDS DINNER

An Awards Dinner was held Wednesday, May 2, to recognize all who participated in the 2006-07 Club Wed! program. Members of the Wee Singers, Cholla Choir, Saguaro Choir, Beginning Chimers, Pinnacle Chimers and Canyon Ringers received certificates and medals to honor their participation in the music groups, while those who participated in the Christian education groups of Lamb Brigade and Questers received additional certificates.

There were also several special awards given. Superior attendance awards were handed out to Sarah Beghin in Canyon Ringers, Kendra Laurent and Isabelle Zamora in Cholla Choir, and Kevin Prenzno in Saguaro Choir.

Sarah DeWeese and Kayli Preston received Service Awards for their help in Canyon Ringers.

In addition, Excellence in Music Awards were presented to choristers who met attendance requirements, were involved in other music ensembles at school or with private music lessons, and who attended at least one concert at Pinnacle. The award included receiving a special pin which will be worn by the chorister on his/her robe. Excellence in Music Awards were given to Alexa Augustine, Sarah Beghin, Christine Blomquist, Katie Blomquist, Alec Bright, Emily Cabrera, Joe Corbett, Austin Fairbanks, Taylor Fairbanks, Kathryn Hamilton, Molly Lampkin, Justin Laurent, Kendra Laurent, Carly Lenniger, Shea Lenniger, Hannah Schafer, Sophia Shaffer, Madeline Sobek, Savannah Watson and Isabelle Zamora.

DONATIONS PROVIDE ARK, LIVING WATER HERE AND ABROAD

Thanks to all who donated to the children's mission project. We have raised over \$10,000 which will be used to buy an ark full of animals for Heifer Project International and help equip a team that will install a water purification system in an area of the world lacking clean water. Both Heifer Project and Living Waters for the World take great care to teach recipients how to maintain and manage these new resources to provide a lifetime source of nutritious food and clean water.



BOTTLED WATER NEEDED Please help our VBS mission project to build a tower of water. Donate a case or two of bottled water, which will be given to Andre House and other agencies who provide for the valley's homeless during the hot summer months. The tower will be built in the music rehearsal hall.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

Children will learn about the importance of Love through stories about Jesus and Nicodemus, discovering the Holy Spirit, diving into the Beatitudes, joining Peter as he tries to walk on water and visiting the parables of the lost son and good Samaritan.

Elementary students will worship in Children's Chapel and test their knowledge by playing Bible Trivia.

Please note: There will be no church school on July 1 or 8.

S.A.G.E. RETURNS

S.A.G.E. (Senior Adults Gaining Enrichment) returns on Wednesday, July 11. Come share food, fun and fellowship as we study the Bible.

S.A.G.E. meets in the Chapel Conference Room from noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch is \$5.

Please call the church office at 480.585.9448 if this is your first time attending.

TAKE YOUR MAMA TO MEXICO ON MOTHER'S DAY



ON THREE, EVERYBODY SAY 'QUESO!'

More than 40 Pinnacle families — 154 people — gathered to celebrate Mother's Day weekend, May 10-13, in Puerto Penasco, Mexico. For four days, families played together on the beach, in the ocean and in the pools. A giant potluck dinner on Saturday night featured grilled burgers and hot dogs. On Sunday morning, at right, everyone gathered on the beach for a worship service where two children and two adults were baptized. The weekend was a wonderful opportunity for a diversity of church families to meet each other and deepen friendships. To see more photos from the trip, as well as a larger version of the group photo above, visit Pinnacle's Web site, pinnaclepres.org, and click on the gallery link.

